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SMALL PORTS ACTIVATED FOR EXPORT TRADE

TO RELIEVE CROWDED WAREHOUSES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 291, 22 Oct 49

The small ports of Ustka, Darlowo, and Kolobrzeg have been reconstructed to handle coal carried by the smaller craft of the Baltic tramp fleet. All three ports lack safe harbors and cannot accommodate bulk freights in heavy weather.

The Six-Year Plan will establish closer connections between these ports and their agricultural and industrial hinterland. The Central Maritime Shipping Office is already directing a considerable volume of goods to these ports. The main export items will be coal, sugar, cellulose, grain, plaster, and some chemicals to Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and other countries. Darlowo, equipped with large grain elevators, mainly will be used for grain shipments. Dredging and overhauling of wharves and loading equipment is under way. It is expected that shipping in these ports will relieve overcrowded warehouses in Gdansk, Gdynia, and Szczecin.

NEW CANAL, RIVER PORT STARTED -- Trybuna Ludu, No 301, 1 Nov 49

The State Transportation Projects Enterprise No 3 started work on the construction of a new canal and a river harbor in the area of the New Power Plant in Poznan. The new canal will solve the difficulties resulting from the great distance between the present harbor on the Warta River and the power plant and will reduce the cost of coal transport from Slask to Poznan by 25-30 million zlotys a year.

DESIGNS FIREBOAT -- Trybuna Ludu, No 291, 22 Oct 49

Mieczyslaw Wezyk, a worker at the Gdansk Shipyard, has designed a new type fireboat. The boat is propelled by a hydraulic jet, provided by a pump-engine on deck.

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The prototype was made of scrap and cost only one million zlotys, although the Ministry of Navigation assigned 10 million for the construction. In a recent test of the model, maneuverability and speed were found satisfactory.

The Ministry of Navigation has assigned special credits for the construction of a fairly large number of these boats under the Six-Year Plan.

COASTAL NAVIGATION BUILDS NEW STATION -- Rzeczpospolita, No 301, 1 Nov 49

The State Coastal Navigation started work on a new passenger station at Waly Chrobrego in Szczecin. The new station is to be a modern building with a waiting room for 500 persons, buffet, rest rooms, etc.

POLISH TUG AIDS SALVAGE OPERATIONS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 231, 22 Oct 49

The Polish tugboat Swarozyc recently participated in the salvage of the SS Lech in Danish waters.

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